

Statement of Patricia J. Davis

To the Commission and Commission Staff:

I want to confirm my commitment to the Public Disclosure Laws. During the last few months I have certainly learned a great deal.

I apologize that I cannot be in personal attendance at the Commission meeting. I have official Port business in China involving trade relations. It would have been my preference to address you personally to take responsibility for these matters.

Please know that regardless of the mitigating circumstances that exist, I take full accountability for compliance with PDC rules and regulations. I have committed to a more detailed oversight of my filings. I have hired a new treasurer who is a professional and who is very familiar with Compliance issues. Since he has come on board, we have had a perfect track record.

There is some irony in the fact that the issues surrounding 2001 were not brought forward until just before the heavily contested general election in 2005. Of course in hind sight, had I known in 2001 what I know now, the 2001 problems would have immediately been addressed and I would not have suffered future compliance problems, either then or in 2005.

As to late filings in 2001, I acknowledge that there were some that were substantially late. The most significant late filings, however, related to post-general timing. There were also instances in which I signed the required filing before, on the day of, or within a few days of the due dates, but they were not submitted by the treasurer, Mr. Kiehle, for some time thereafter. For example, I signed one of my filings on September 15, but Mr. Kiehle did not submit it until the end of October.

I only learned in the past few months that Mr. Kiehle was experiencing personal troubles in 2001 that substantially interfered with his campaign responsibilities. I do not want to expose Mr. Kiehle's privacy interests, but they were significant problems that directly affected his accuracy and his ability to meet deadlines. I continue to believe that Mr. Kiehle is a man of integrity, but I also feel that his status does present substantial mitigating information. Had I been informed then that he faced the challenges he did, I certainly would have unburdened him by seeking a change in my treasurer.

As to the loan repayment, I can only say that I hired someone I believed was a competent, professional campaign treasurer. I advanced my own money to pay urgent bills to vendors who needed the funds immediately.

Mr. Kiehle assured me the loans could be repaid. We discussed whether to keep my campaign open for the following cycle. At that time, I decided not to. For that reason, we closed the campaign account. After ensuring that all vendors were paid, the remainder of the campaign balance, about \$13,655, was paid back to me via a

cashier's check. I wrote off the balance of \$9,345, which was the remainder of the \$23,000 in loans I had made.

I was not aware until these issues recently arose that there was a limit on repayment of campaign loans. I now know that the limit was \$3800 for each of the primary and general elections.

It is also important to consider the context of that time: the events of 9/11. The terrorist attacks were particularly damaging to airport and seaport operations around the country. As a Seattle Port Commissioner at the time, I was involved in many emergency meetings with respect to security, restoration of operations, and revenue matters. While this does not excuse me from disclosure obligations to my campaign, it did turn my attention away from the details of many parts of it, including, unfortunately, reporting deadlines.

There was never any intent on my part to violate any campaign disclosure regulations or laws. Honesty is an absolute tenet of my values. I believe Mr. Kiehle is also an honest person. However, had I known of his serious personal problems I would have terminated his services in 2001 and found another treasurer. I am profoundly remorseful about this situation.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat Davis", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pat Davis

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